

Informal Working Draft and Request for Informal Comments on Prior Authorization Request Form for Prescription Drug Benefits Rule

Texas Administrative Code, Title 28, Chapter 19, Subchapter S, Division 3, Section 19.1820.

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The Texas Department of Insurance has prepared an informal working draft rule on the prior authorization request form for prescription drug benefits. The informal working draft will revise the current request form and instructions.

These changes include both minor and substantive modifications and reflect suggestions from the Advisory Committee for the Standard Request Form for Prior Authorization of Prescription Drug Benefits established by Insurance Code §1369.305. Substantive changes include:

- Requiring a signature on all prior authorization requests, instead of just those where an expedited/urgent review is requested; and
- Providing streamlined requirements for a request for continuation of therapy – if the patient is complying with the drug therapy regimen and the regimen is effective, the form would not require the prescriber to include detailed clinical information.

TDI invites your input on the informal working draft. Staff is particularly interested in hearing about whether any of these changes could have unintended consequences or cause unnecessary delay in processing a prior authorization request and, if so, what those consequences or causes could be. Staff is also interested in hearing about whether the changes impose additional costs on health benefit plans, and, if so, what those costs could be. This is an informal posting intended to gather comments from stakeholders and the general public and is not a formal publication for rulemaking.

The comment period for this informal working draft will close at 5:00 p.m., central time, on July 1, 2021. Submit comments or questions to Managed Care Quality Assurance, Life and Health Division, at MCQA@tdi.texas.gov for more information about this informal working draft.

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See current [request form](#) and [instructions](#); and informal markup of revised [request form](#) and [instructions](#).